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Weatherization Assistance Available for Eligible Customers

Energy conservation and weatherization are the keys to success for customers reducing their energy consumption. Eligible customers now have a way to weatherize their homes at no cost. The City of Rocky Mount is partnering with the Martin County Community Action Agency (MCCAA) to assist customers with weatherization.

Funding is available through the U S Department of Energy grant program to address energy efficiency in low income households for homeowners and renters. This program will provide energy education, HVAC repair/replacement, and energy efficiency measures. Recipients will be eligible for up to \$6,500. Eligibility is based on 200 percent of poverty level income.

The energy education segment addresses air infiltration, insulation, vapor barriers, lighting, water usage, and HVAC systems through a complete energy audit process. MCCAA staff will evaluate the home to determine if the HVAC system is operating properly. The agency employs HVAC technicians to repair equipment and outsources replacement of equipment. The energy reduction results are monitored and reported back to the U S Department of Energy.

Recipients will be selected through an objective priority ranking system with a percentage allocation for each county based on poverty levels. The agency will be the representative for Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties. Martin County Community Action Agency is a private non-profit organization providing residential energy efficiency services since 1976. The agency must provide production and accountability records to the U S Department of Energy to continue to operate this program.

Customers may apply at the satellite office located at St. Mark AME Church at 1150 Tarboro Street. The application form is also available on the city website at utilities.rockymountnc.gov. For more information contact Pastor Melvin Graham at (252) 212-0132.